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Attorney Docket No. BSC-181

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Hammond et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/733,752 GROUP NO.: 3732

FILING DATE: December 8, 2000 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned

TITLE: FACILITATING DRAINAGE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Reference A51 was identified in the Partial International Search Report as a document considered relevant. A copy of the Partial International Search Report has been included. Copies of the patents and publications listed on the accompanying FORM PTO-1449 are also enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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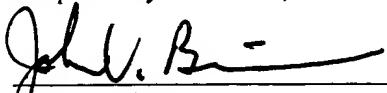
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Submitted herewith are:

- 1) Transmittal Form (1 page);
- 2) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- 3) Copy of Partial International Search Report (2 pages);
- 4) Supplemental PTO-Form 1449 (1 page);
- 5) Copy of cited references A50-A57, B1-B2; and a
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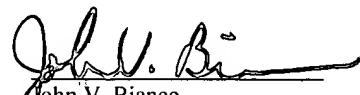
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